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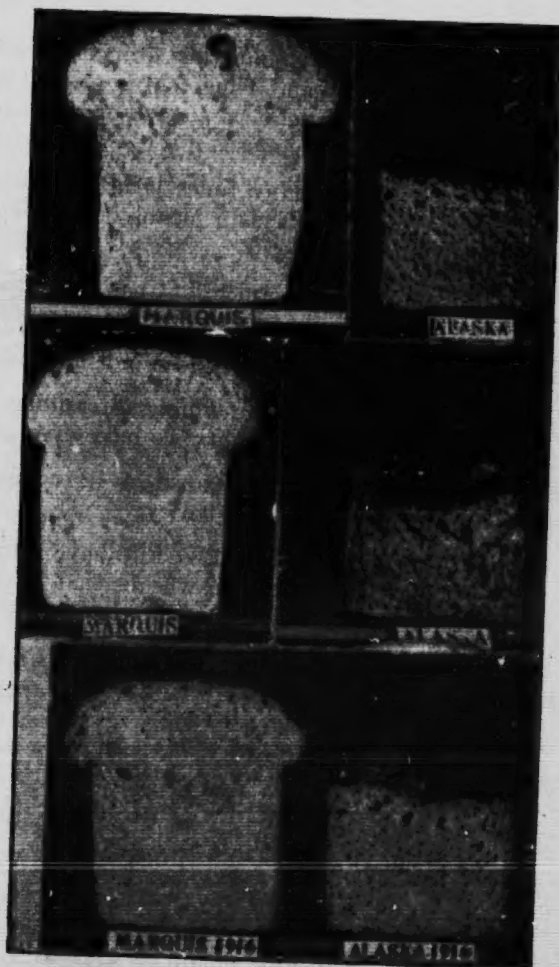
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ALASKA WHEAT—A FRAUD

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Our attention has been drawn to the fact that Alaska wheat, alias Egyptian King, Seven Headed, etc., is being sold for seed in different places in the province at a price of \$10 or more per bushel.



As a warning to those who may be tempted to purchase such seed at this fabulous price it should be pointed out that Alaska has been grown here for four years side by side with our standard wheats and it has failed to equal any of them in yield or quality or any other desirable character. The figures and photographs shown illustrate this fact very clearly, and should convince the most skeptical that Alaska has not a single merit that makes it worthy of a place among our wheat crops.

AVERAGE YIELD AT SASKATOON.

Marquis.....	31.83 bushels
Alaska.....	26.91 bushels

MILLING AND BAKING TEST.

	Yield of flour	Colour of flour	Wet crude gluten	Volume of loaf	Relative value per bushel
Marquis.....	75.2 per cent.	Creamy white	42 per cent.	197 cu. in.	\$1.06
Alaska.....	72.7 per cent.	Yellow white	41 per cent.	110 cu. in.	\$.81

SOME FACTS.

Some facts about this branch-headed wheat known variously as Alaska, Egyptian King, Mummy, Thousandfold, Many Headed, Miracle, Eldorado, Jerusalem, Three Thousand Year Old Wonder and by many other names, are:

- (1) It has many times been used in different parts of the United States and Canada as a means of inducing people to purchase the seed at an exorbitant price;
- (2) Under careful test it has failed to produce even fair yields, and has never been known to produce extraordinary yields;
- (3) The branched head is not an evidence of superior yielding power;
- (4) As a wheat suitable for milling into a flour for bread making it is the lowest in quality we have ever grown; and
- (5) As a feed, because of its comparatively low yield, it cannot compare with oats or barley;
- (6) Marquis and Red Fife have proven their suitability to our conditions. These are the wheats that have made for Western Canada a reputation for high quality wheat. No others have yet equalled, let alone surpassed them in acre value.

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